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1. REQUEST TRACES ON VENEZUELAN CITIZEN HARRY MANNIL, BORN 1920, ESTONIA, MARRIED TO MASULA D'EMPAIRE, GRADUATE OF UNIVERSITIES OF TARTU AND HELSINKI, POSTGRADUATE WORK IN ECONOMICS AT UNIVERSITY OF STOCKHOLM, RESIDENT OF VENEZUELA SINCE SHORTLY AFTER WORLD WAR TWO. MANNIL IS WEALTHY EXECUTIVE PRESIDENT OF ACO GROUP ENTERPRISES WHICH DEAL MAINLY WITH SALES OF VEHICLES AND WIDE VARIETY OF MACHINERY.

2. [] TELTAP REVEALED THAT MANNIL WAS CONTACTED BY SOVIET COUNSELOR VISLOUSOV IN EFFORT TO INTEREST HIM IN MASHINOEKSPORT PRODUCTS. [] SUBSEQUENTLY CONTACTED MANNIL TO DISCUSS VISLOUSOV'S APPROACH. DURING MEETING MANNIL CLAIMED BE PERSONAL FRIEND OF FORMER PRESIDENT GERALD FORD AND FORMER COSTA RICAN PRESIDENT JOSE "PEPE" FIGUERES. ALSO SAID THAT HE HAS A BROTHER WORKING AS A SCIENTIST AND STILL LIVING IN ESTONIA. BROTHER HAS BEEN ABLE TO COME TO THE WEST OCCASIONALLY OVER THE YEARS, LAST TIME BEING SOME FOUR YEARS AGO WHEN HE WAS ABLE TO VISIT COSTA RICA, BUT SINCE THAT TIME THE KGB OFFICIAL WHO USED TO AUTHORIZE HIS ESTONIAN EXITS HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED AND THE NEW KGB OFFICIAL IS NOT SO FORTHCOMING.

3. MANNIL SAID THERE IS LITTLE THAT MASHINOEKSPORT COULD OFFER THAT WOULD BE COMPETITIVE WITH SIMILAR WESTERN PRODUCTS IN VENEZUELA, BUT THAT HIS COMPANY WOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE SOVIETS ON THE CHANCE SOMETHING INTERESTING MIGHT COME UP. HE OFFERED TO KEEP WIPRUD INFORMED OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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